

Preliminary Amendment

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As stated so far, the method of manufacturing the electrode for discharge surface treatment according to the present invention are suited for use in industries associated with the surface treatment which forms a hard coat on the surface of a treatment target material.

IN THE CLAIMS:

N/E Please cancel claims 1-5 and 10-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

6. A method of manufacturing an electrode for discharge surface treatment, comprising; providing an electrode to be used for a discharge surface treatment by generating an electric discharge between the electrode and a treatment target material and forming a hard coat on a surface of the treatment target material utilizing the energy radiated during the electrical discharge, wherein said electrode is formed by adding wax to materials of said electrode, then compression-molding the wax added material, heating the compression-molded material to a temperature not less than a temperature of melting the wax and not more than a temperature of decomposing the wax to generate soot, and evaporating and removing said wax.